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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

FROM AMB FERGUSON FOR MOREY STATE

1. AMB FERGUSON MET PRIVATELY WITH KENNETH DADZIE, FULLY PROTECT, (SYG REP) WHO REPORTED HE JUST MET WITH JACKSON AND WEITZ (FAO) TO INFORM THEM OF SYG'S POSITION ON CONTENTIONS ITEMS WFC. FYI DADZIE INDICATES SYG'S POSITION FORMULATED LAST SATURDAY AFTERNOON IN MTG ATTENDED BY NARASIMHAN, DAVIDSON, DESEYNE, AND KITTANI, END FYI. SYG OPPOSED (1) JOINT FAO-UN SPONSORSHIP OF WFC, (2) JOINT SYG-FAO APPOINTMENT OF SEC GEN OF WFC, (3) ROME A CITE OF PREPARATORY PHASE FOR WFC, AND (4) TRADE ISSUES QUA TRADE ISSUES AS FOCUS WFC BUT RECOGNIZING SOME TRADE MATTERS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO SUBJECTS MENTIONED WFC AND DISCUSSION OF WHICH UNAVOIDABLE. DADZIE ADDED THAT SYG QUITE SENSITIVE TO PROTOCOL IMPLICATIONS OF MANDATES ADDRESSED JOINTLY TO UN(SYG) AND FAO(DG).

2. IN WORKING LUNCHEON HOSTED BY JAPS (DETAILS SEP.TEL.) FERGUSON BRIEFED INTERALIA JAPS AND FRENCH ON WFC DRAWING FROM USUN POSITION PAPER. ALSO STRESSED USG POSITION ON JOINT SPONSORSHIP AND TRADE
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MATTERS. FRENCH EXPRESSED COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH US AND PROMISED

WORK IN FAVOR US POSITION NOT ONLY IN PARIS BUT ALSO IN THE COMMUNITY.

FRENCH VOLUNTEERED THAT OF COURSE CAP THEIR MAJOR CONCERN WHEN CONSIDERING PROPOSALS RELATING TO FOOD. JAPS INDICATED "GENERAL" AGREEMENT WITH USG POSITION BUT WISHED FURTHER ELABORATION THOSE SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS RELATING TO "FOOD AID." FURTHER MEETINGS SCHEDULED.

3. IN VIEW OF FACT CRUCIAL DECISIONS ON LANGUAGE IN FAO DRAFT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE OB MONDAY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING NIACT IMMEDIATE STANDBY ARRANGEMENTS TO REACH MOREY/KITCHEN OVER WEEKEND IF NECESSARY. VOLPE

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